THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Sponge Iron India Limited (SIL) a public sector undertaking is without CMD w.e.f. 14.4.1994 consequent upon the acceptance of the request for pre-mature termination of contract of the former CMD.

(b) and (c) Government has taken action to fill up the post in consultation with Public Enterprises Selection Board.

Production of steel in Bhilai and Durgapur Steel Plants

7228. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhilai and Durgapur Steel Plants after repairing have shown any increase in production of their main products in steel during the current year as compared to 1992, 1993 and so far in 1994 in metric tonnes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether modernisation of Durgapur, Rourkela and Bokaro Steel Plants have been approved by Government; and

(e) if so, the details of approved cost/expenditure on modernisation plant-wise incurred till 1st January, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The saleable steel production over the previous year at Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) and Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP) of SAIL for the last three years is as follows:

Unit (Million Tonne)

Year	Production	
	Bhailai	Durgapur
1991-92	3.10	0.68
1992-93	3.12	0.64
1993-94	3.34	0.64

While BSP has achieved production growth for the last three years and operated above rated capacity in 1993-94, the production at DSP suffered mainly due to delay in commissioning of Blast Furnace No. 2 as part of the modernisation project.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The details are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the project	Approved/Anticipated cost	Expenditure upto 31-12-93
Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP) Modernisation .	Anticipated cost—	2667.6 3967.29 3211.53
Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) Modernisation . .	Approved Cost	3954 863.20
Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) Modernisation	Approved cost	1625.79 7.50